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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL FORSCOM DOCS

SUBJECT: Contracting Information Letter (CIL) 01-16

1. This CIL contains information on the following subjects:
 - a. Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses
 - b. Optional Use of DA-Wide Vacancy Announcements
 - c. The Acquisition and Technology Workforce
 - d. Contractors Attending Government Sponsored Computer Training
2. Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses. Reference memo, DP (DAR), 25 January 2001, SAB (encl 1.) Effective 25 February 2001, all Department of Defense (DoD) activities will suspend the use of the price evaluation adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses in DoD procurements as prescribed in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), subpart 19.11.
3. Optional Use of DA-Wide Vacancy Announcements. Reference memo, SAAL-PM, SAB (encl 2.) Army Contracting Activities are authorized to use vacancy announcements concurrent with the use of ACCES referrals when recruiting for CP-14 vacancies.
4. The Acquisition and Technology Workforce. Reference memo, SAAL-ZAC, 21 December 2000, SAB (encl 3). This memo lists the positions which are automatically included in the Army Acquisition Workforce and which positions may be included if they are located within an Acquisition related organization.
5. Contractors Attending Government Sponsored Computer Training.
 - a. A concern recently arose as to whether employees of contractors may attend Government sponsored computer training. Generally, employees of contractors are not permitted to attend, at Government expense, Government-offered computer courses unless their contract provides that the Government will furnish the training. Contractors are responsible for providing a trained, skilled workforce and for training their own employees, at no additional cost to the Government. The Government cannot compete with private-sector vendors offering computer training, and there are many commercial

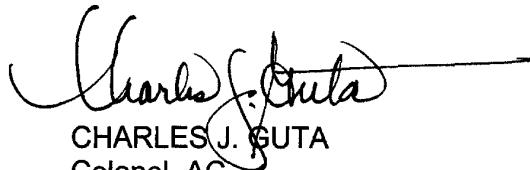
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firms in the outside market who provide computer related training. Therefore, supervisors and training coordinators must be careful to not submit 1556s with contractor employees listed as trainees.

b. Having addressed the general rule, it is noted, in limited circumstances, employees of a contractor may be permitted to attend Government-offered computer training. For example, a contract may specifically provide that the Government will furnish the computer training because the course subject matter is unique to the military or essential to the operation of the contract and not available on the open market to contractors. In these instances, careful examination of the contract is required to ensure training these employees is proper. In addition, there could be extraordinary circumstances where it is in the best interest of the Government to provide computer training. This would have to be examined on a case-by-case basis, and would require review by contracting and legal staff. Again, however, the general rule is contractors must provide computer training for their employees, and these employees are not permitted to attend computer training at Government expense, unless provided for in their contract.

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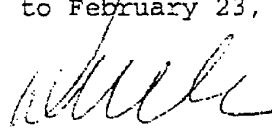
MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES
DEPUTY FOR ACQUISITION AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT,
ASN(RD&A)/ABM
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(CONTRACTING), SAF/AQC
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (PROCUREMENT)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT (DLSC/DLA)

SUBJECT: Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small
Disadvantaged Businesses

Effective 30 days after the date of this memorandum, all
Department of Defense (DoD) contracting activities shall suspend the
use of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged
businesses (SDBs) in DoD procurements, as prescribed in the Federal
Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Subpart 19.11.

Subsection 2323(e) of title 10, United States Code (USC), as
amended by Section 801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense
Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, prohibits DoD from exercising
the authority for a price exceeding fair market cost if the Secretary
determines at the beginning of the fiscal year that DoD achieved the
5 percent goal established by subsection 2323(a) in the most recent
fiscal year for which data are available. The determination has been
made that in fiscal year 2000 DoD exceeded the 5 percent goal
established in 10 USC 2323(a) for contract awards to SDBs.
Accordingly, use of the price evaluation adjustment prescribed in FAR
19.11 is suspended for DoD.

This suspension applies to all solicitations issued during the
period from February 24, 2001, to February 23, 2002.


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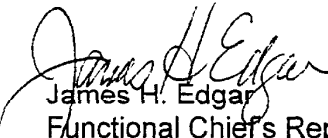
MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Optional Use of DA-Wide Vacancy Announcements

The Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civilian Personnel Policy) has delegated to Functional Chief Representatives the authority to approve concurrent use of Army Civilian Career Evaluation System (ACCES) and vacancy announcements to recruit for mandatory ACCES referral level positions.

Based on this delegation, I hereby authorize Army Contracting Activities to use vacancy announcements concurrent with use of ACCES referrals when recruiting to fill vacancies within the Contracting and Acquisition Career Program (CP-14). The area of consideration for the merit promotion announcement must be at least Department of the Army-wide. In addition, an ACCES register must be requested to ensure that ACCES registrants receive referral consideration for the position. Selection may be made from either recruitment source.

Should you require further information or assistance, please contact Mr. Steve Hamilton at (703) 681-1044 or via email at hamiltos@sarda.army.mil.


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SAAL-ZAC

December 21, 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: The Acquisition and Technology Workforce

On May 13, 1999, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) signed a memorandum establishing the refined Packard definition as the official identification method for key acquisition and technology workforce (A&TWF) positions. The new methodology is based on an algorithm using occupational and organizational data for identifying the workforce and will bring a large number of new members into the workforce. The enclosure further explains the methodology.

The Army is in the process of identifying those new members who occupy positions that can be included under one of the existing acquisition position categories published in DoD 5000.52. Upon receipt of implementing guidance from OSD, these new members will be assessed into the A&TWF. For newly identified members whose positions cannot be included under one of the existing categories, new position categories/career paths are being developed. The new categories are sustainment, science and technology management, and facility engineering and construction management. Members will be assimilated into these new categories once they are approved by the USD(AT&L).

Though the new definition has not been fully implemented, it has been approved and is in effect. Please keep in mind that United States Code 10, Section 1733, requires that acquisition positions required to be filled by an employee in a position within grade GS-14 of the General Schedule (equivalent Army Demonstration Broadband) and LTC and above must be designated as Critical Acquisition Positions (CAPs). Unless approved by the Director, Acquisition Career Management, all such positions identified under the new definition are acquisition and subject to this requirement. Upon full implementation, guidance will be issued on how to handle current occupants of CAP positions who are not qualified for Acquisition Corps membership.

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Enclosure

Acquisition and Technology Workforce (A&TWF)

The following is a list of Category I occupations and Category IIA and IIB organizations and occupations. The refined algorithm for the new A&TWF definition counts all occupations listed in Category I across DoD. The occupations listed in Category IIA and Category IIB are counted when located in a designated acquisition related organizations.

Category I – Occupations counted across all DOD organizations

Series

246
340
1102
1103
1105
1150

Category IIA – Acquisition Related Organizations

Corps of Engineers
SMDC
AAESA/PEO
AMC
SAALT
Medical Research & Material Cmd

Occupations counted whenever they are located in an Acquisition related organization :

<u>Series</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Series</u>
150	560	861	1310	1530
180	801	873	1313	1550
301	806	890	1315	1910
334	810	892	1320	2003
343	818	893	1321	2150
346	819	894	1350	
391	830	896	1360	
392	840	1101	1370	
413	850	1104	1373	
501	854	1130	1515	
505	855	1152	1520	
510	858	1301	1529	

Category IIB – Science & Technology Organizations

AR Institute
AR Lab
AR Office

Occupations counted whenever they are located in a Science and Technology Organization

<u>Series</u>	<u>Series</u>
180	896
401	1301
413	1310
801	1320
806	1321
819	1340
830	1350
850	1386
854	1515
855	1520
861	1529
892	1530
893	1550

Other occupations counted when located in Science and Technology Organizations

<u>Series</u>	<u>Series</u>
301	510
343	511
346	560
391	1101
392	1152
501	1910
505	2003

Category III - Additions and deletions to above categories, to include DAWIA personnel not captured by the A&TWF model.